

SALEM INLAND WETLANDS AND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

August 8, 2011

7:30 PM

Present: S. Snyder, Chairperson, G. Balavender (arrived at 7:37), E. Belt, E. Natoli, R. Phillips, L. Wildrick, G. Ziegra, M. Chinatti-WEO

Absent: D. Khan-Bureau, W. Leuck, Vacancy, Alt.

CALL TO ORDER: S. Snyder called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

PUBLIC HEARING-None

M/S/C (Wildrick/Belt) to seat E. Natoli for W. Leuck. Vote: Approved Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M/S/C (Ziegra/Belt) to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2011 Regular Meeting as presented. Vote: Approved Unanimously

WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT: M. Chinatti updated the Commission on the complaint against Sid's Auto Parts. She stated E. Belt and she went to the property of Mr. Neckaman and could not find any violations. She subsequently sent a letter to Mr. Neckaman stating the matter has been closed.

M. Chinatti received a voice mail stating there is a siltation problem in Arrowhead Cover at the end of Sucker Brook. She will be getting back to him to better understand what the situation is at the beach.

M/S/C (Natoli/Wildrick) to move: *New Business item 2-IWCC # 11-08-01, 122 New London Rd-Janet and Tony Griggs shed construction to, New Business, item 1. To move: New Business, item 1-Mark Cohen Aquifer Protection Zone presentation to New Business, item 2. Vote: Approved Unanimously*

(G. Balavender arrives)

M/S/C (Wildrick/Belt) to seat G. Balavender for D. Khan-Bureau. Vote: Approved Unanimously

OLD BUSINESS-None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. IWCC # 11-08-01, 122 New London Road-Janet and Tony Griggs, shed installation

S. Snyder reminded the members that J. Griggs was at the last meeting discussing the issues of two varying maps which show wetlands on their property and the placement of a proposed shed.

S. Snyder stated that she and M. Chinatti went to the Griggs property and advised them to put in an application. She explained that the proposed placement of the shed pictured in photo 2 was probably the best place with the least amount of disturbance. She thinks that the location is probably in the upland review but she could not rule out it was not in the wetlands.

M. Chinatti stated the plan is for T. Griggs to build the shed on site but, if he were to decide to purchase a complete shed she would be concerned as to where and how they would bring the shed in.

She stated there would be no excavation and the footprint of the shed would be of very minimal disturbance.

**M/S/C (Belt/Wildrick) to table application IWCC # 11-08-01, 122 New London Road Janet and Tony Griggs, shed installation until the following months meeting.
Vote: Approved Unanimously**

2. Mark Cohen Aquifer Protection Presentation

M. Cohen, a Sourcewater Protection Specialist from the Atlantic States Rural Water and Wastewater Association introduced himself and gave the members his background and whom he represents, and what he hopes to accomplish. He stated his goal is to protect future drinking water by helping towns come up with regulations to protect aquifers, especially water in stratified drift formations. He handed out materials for the members (See File Copy) M. Cohen stated that he had given the presentation to Salem Planning and Zoning Commission and he proceeded to present it to the Inland and Wetland

The Commission asked questions on the process of drafting regulations. M. Cohen stated it was not an onerous task to draft regulations for the Planning and Zoning Commission. He would be willing to do much of the work as long as the Commission lets him know what direction they would like to go in.

S. Snyder asked which members would be interested in working on the aquifer protection regulations. E. Belt, S. Snyder, E. Natoli, and G. Balavender stated they would be interested in helping.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Adhoc Conservation Committee Report-No Report
2. Adhoc Open Space Inventory Committee Report-No Report
3. Adhoc Educational Outreach Committee Report-No Report

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Habitat
Letter from Steve Byrne-update on legal cases
Letter from M. Chinatti to Sid's Auto
Permit from DOT for roundabout
Army Corp notice of reissuance of the CT General Permit

ADJOURNMENT:

M/S/C (Phillips/Belt) to adjourn at 8:47. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary